

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed to support a change to FIG. 2 that was necessitated by the drawing standards described in MPEP §608.02 and required by 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(3), specifically that "[n]umbers, letters, and reference characters must measure at least .32 cm. (1/8 inch) in height." In compliance with this requirement, it was necessary to break originally submitted FIG. 2 into essentially two parts. A first part (FIG. 2) shows the connectivity of the example RIM 200. A second part (FIGs. 2A-2W), show details regarding each of the elements of the example RIM 200.

Formal drawings of the figures including corrected FIGs. 2 and 2A-2W are submitted under separate cover for your approval in accordance with MPEP §608.02. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings are now in proper form and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

AMENDED SPECIFICATION

Page 5, in the paragraph beginning on line 10, change as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an example information processing system in which the present invention is implemented.

FIG. 2 shows a portion of an example reference information model (RIM) in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the invention.

FIGs. 2A-2W show illustrative details regarding each of the elements of the example RIM 200 shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 3 illustrates the manner in which different types of documents may be generated utilizing a RIM such as that shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a flow diagram of a process for generating, adjusting and updating a RIM such as that shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 5 is a flow diagram of a process for transforming a set of documents, utilizing a RIM such as that shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 6 shows one possible embodiment of a device in which an electronic program guide (EPG) in accordance with the invention is implemented.

Page 9, in the paragraph beginning on line 18, change as follows:

Enumeration is used to describe constants within the modeled information. More particularly, the RIM 200 uses enumeration to describe constant elements 202-1, 202-2, . . . 202-15. The RIM 200 further includes class elements 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216 and 218 for information classes denoted as program, movie, episode, personnel, cast, credits, station and designated market area, respectively. Additional details regarding each of the elements of the example RIM 200 can be found in FIGs. 2A-2W and the attached Appendix 1.